IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): A fixing device for an automobile muffler, comprising:

~~muffler side connecting means respectively~~ two muffler side connecting pins, each fixed at ~~both~~ a respective one of two sides of a muffler and aligned approximately parallel to a longitudinal axis of the muffler;

~~car body side connecting means~~ two car body side connecting pins aligned approximately parallel to said muffler side connecting ~~means~~ pins and fixed at a car body where the distance between said car body side connecting ~~means~~ pins is longer than that of said muffler side connecting ~~means~~ pins; and

~~a resilient hanger configured to be mounted between said respective muffler side connecting means and said car body side connecting means.~~

two resilient hangers, each comprising:

a first insertion hole, into which a respective one of said two muffler side connecting pins is inserted; and

a second insertion hole, into which a respective one of said two car body side connecting pins is inserted.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended): The device as defined in ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein said muffler side connecting pins are fixed at the muffler via a cover bracket where said cover bracket is coupled around a connecting part of an exhaust pipe and said muffler.

4. (Original): The device as defined in claim 3, wherein said cover bracket is formed with a vertical flange surface toward the front of the automobile and said muffler side connecting pins are fixed to the vertical flange surface, protruding toward the front of the automobile.

5. (Original): The device as defined in claim 4, wherein said body side connecting pins are coupled underneath the automobile and fixed to a surface of a body side bracket, said bracket positioning said surface in alignment with the vertical flange surface.

6. (Currently Amended): The device as defined in ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein:

~~said resilient hanger defines insertion holes for receiving said connecting pins; and~~

~~an axis extending between said insertion holes when respectively received on said resilient said muffler side connecting pins and said body side connecting pins is about 30 to 60 degrees above horizontal.~~

said first insertion hole and said second insertion hole define an axis, and said axis defines an angle of about 30 to about 60 degrees with a horizontal axis.

7. (Original): A fixing device for an automobile muffler, comprising:

two muffler side connecting pins respectively fixed at opposite sides of a muffler and aligned approximately parallel to a longitudinal axis of the muffler;

two car body side connecting pins aligned approximately parallel to said two muffler side connecting pins and secured at a car body where the interval between said two car body side connecting pins is shorter than that of said two muffler side connecting pins; and

resilient hangers defining insertion holes respectively received on said muffler side connecting pins and said car body side connecting pins.

8. (Currently Amended): The device of ~~claim 8~~ claim 7, wherein an axis extending between said insertion holes on a resilient hanger is at about 45 degrees above horizontal when received on said pins.